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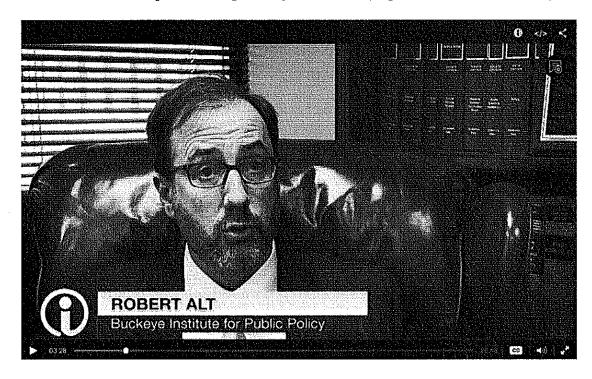
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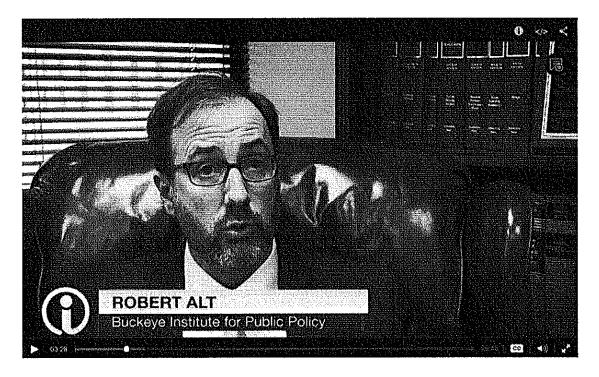
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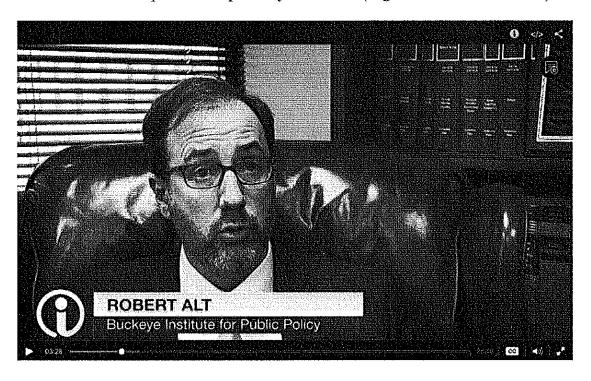
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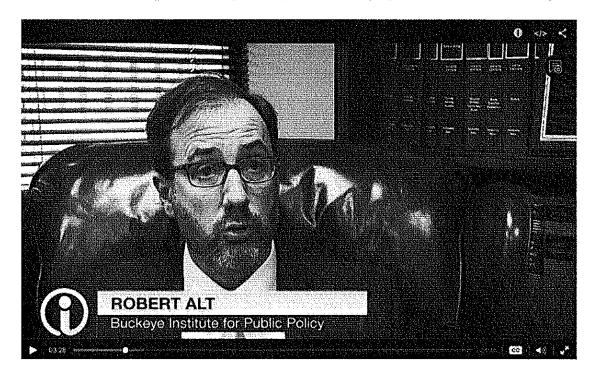
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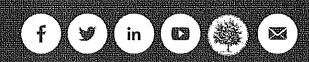


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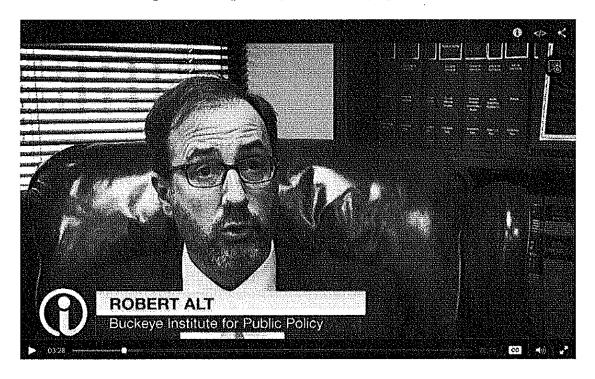
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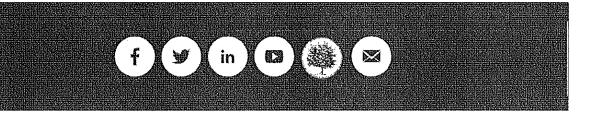


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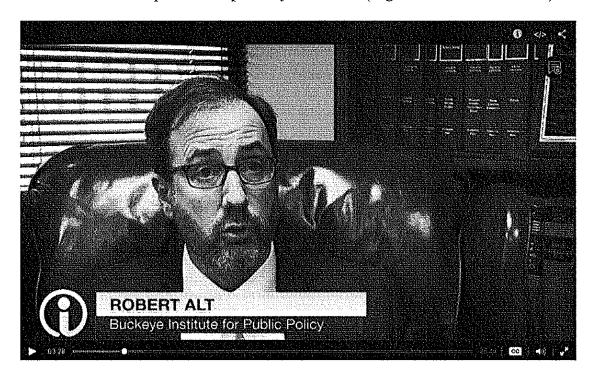
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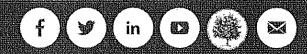


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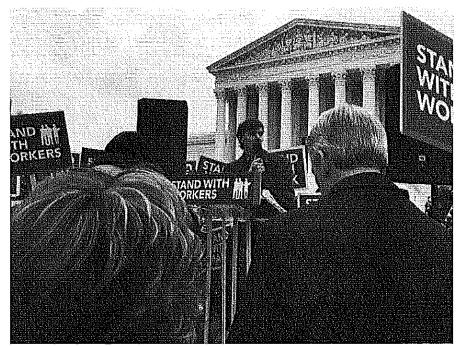
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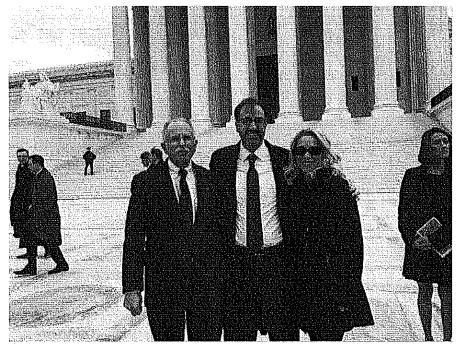
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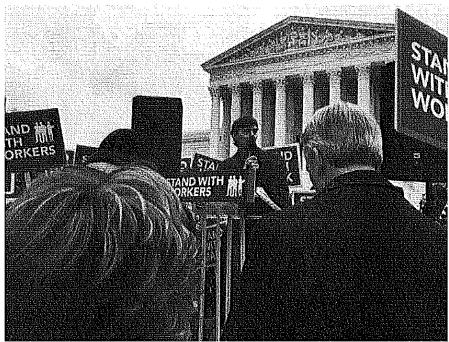
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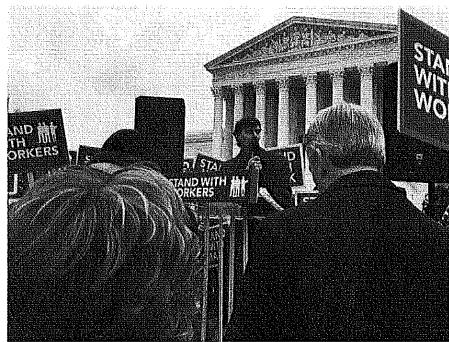
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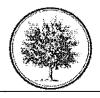
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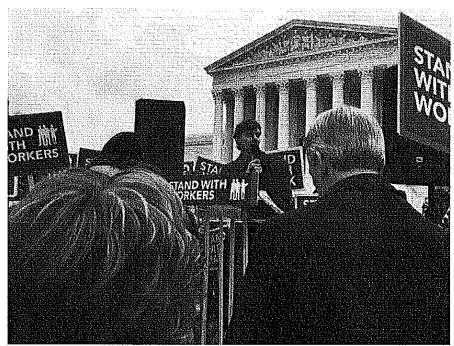
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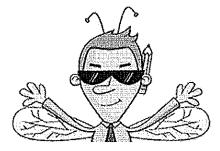
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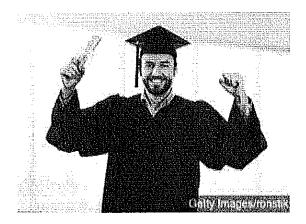
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TO FIX THE GAMING OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, OVERHAUL HIGH SCHOOLS AND OUR POLICIES GOVERNING THEM

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To fix the gaming of graduation requirements, we need to overhaul high schools and our policies governing them

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We armchair-quarterbacks of education have made a complete hash of the policies governing high schools and what's expected of young people seeking to graduate from them. Our first mistake was to set sky-high goals around graduation rates, while allowing local officials great

discretion in defining what it takes for students to earn a diploma. Our second big error has been to resist anything resembling tracking. Until we fix these problems, we should expect the cheating and gaming to continue. Read more.

#### Look beyond four-year graduation rates By Peter Greene

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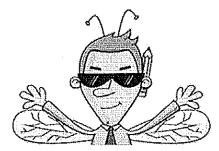
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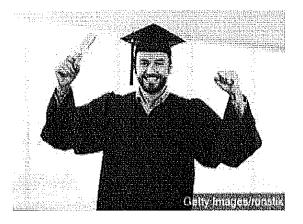
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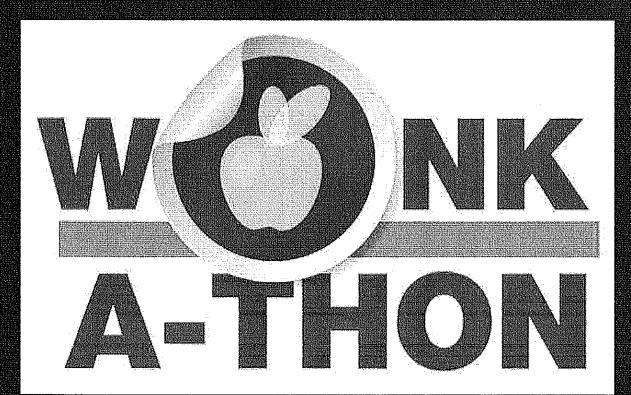
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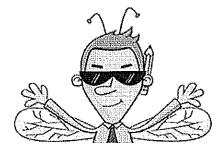
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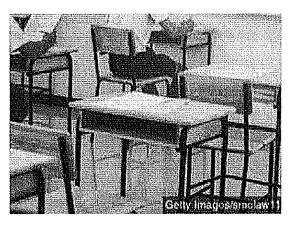
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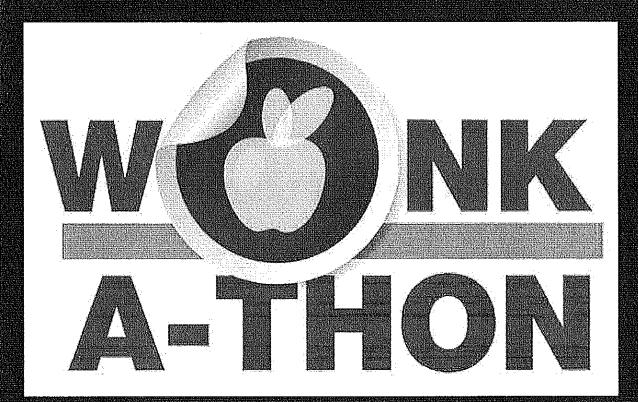
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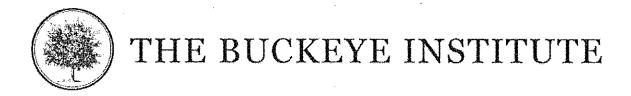
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"The Supreme Court today in *Janus v. AFSCME* announced its basic rule of human decency and common sense: consent matters-and our hardworking public-sector workers can no longer be forced to pay for political speech or other activities without their affirmative consent."

The Buckeye Institute also announced the launch of its **WorkersChoose.org** website to assist public-sector workers with information about how to notify their unions about whether they would like to consent or not.

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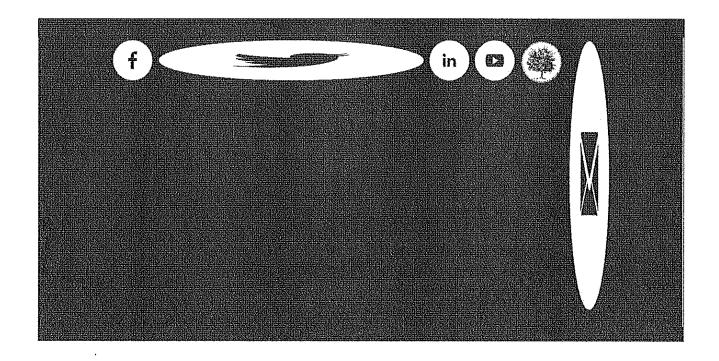
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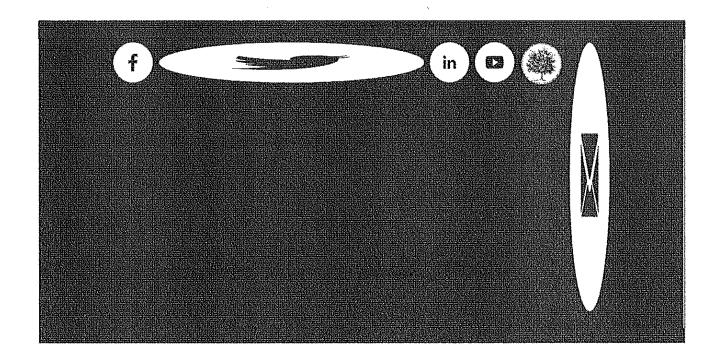
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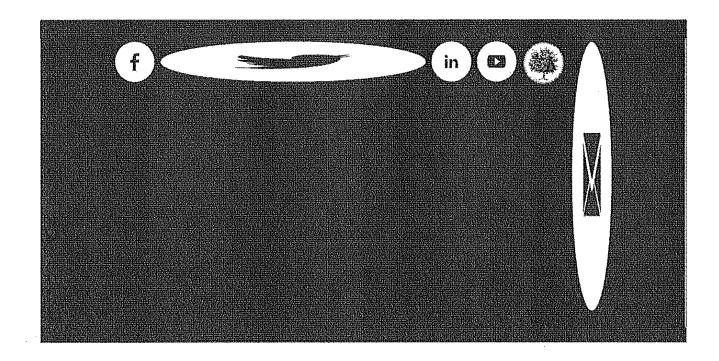
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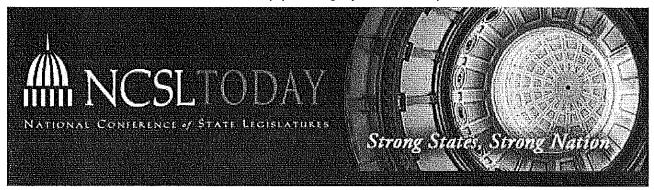
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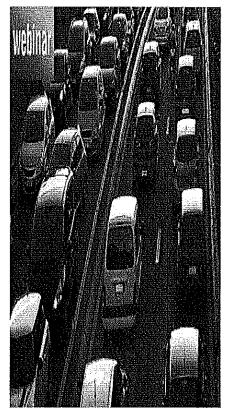
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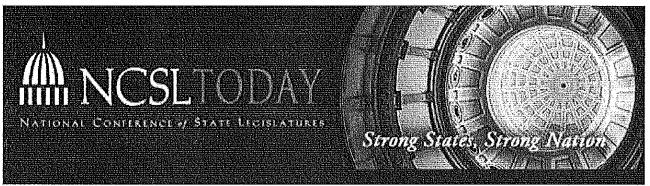
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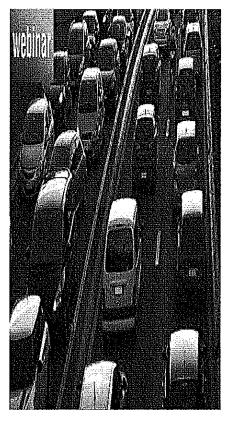
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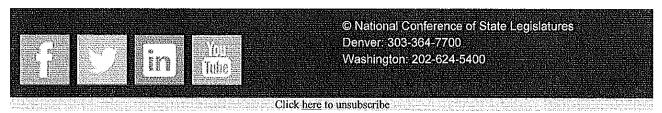
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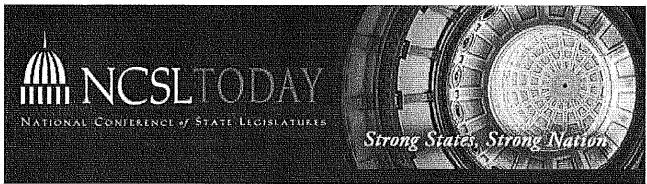
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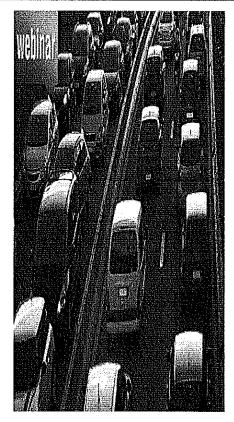
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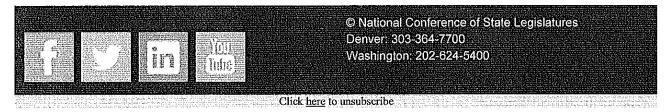
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Alt also had a piece in *The Hill*, where he wrote, "Consent matters. But you don't have to take my word for it -- just ask the Supreme Court of the United States. In *Janus v. AFSCME*, the Court's five-member majority held that the First Amendment protects public-sector employees -- including petitioner Mark Janus -- from being compelled 'to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern' without prior affirmative consent."

Read the full Hill piece here.

# The Columbus Dispatch

Janus decision protects workers who dissent from union

The Columbus Dispatch
By Robert Alt
July 1, 2018

In Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that public-sector workers must affirmatively consent before any money can be taken from them for union fees.

Since Wednesday's ruling, folks on both sides have unfortunately succumbed to hyperbolic overreaction. The most cursory recollection of our country's founding reminds us that the same idea of consent was integral to empowering the government in the first place. Accordingly, it should surprise precisely no one that the court was concerned with the compulsion aspect of the case's facts.

Plaintiff Mark Janus -- an ordinary child-support specialist at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services -- objected to paying mandatory union fees as a condition of his employment and lamented, "The union voice is not my voice. The union's fight is not my fight. But a piece of my paycheck every week goes to the union. I am not anti-union... But unions aren't a fit for everyone. And I shouldn't be forced to pay money to a union if I don't think it does a good job representing my interests."

The Supreme Court agreed with Janus that, indeed, consent matters. Common courtesy and basic human decency have always demanded it, but now -- in overruling its own 41-year-old precedent in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* -- the court found that the First Amendment requires affirmative consent when it comes to paying union fees, too.

Writing for a five-member majority, Justice Samuel Alito raised the court's objection to public employees being forced to financially support their unions, "even if they choose not to join and strongly object to the positions the union takes." Such an arrangement, Alito concluded, "violates the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize private speech on matters of substantial public concern."

Unions will continue to serve their consenting members for generations to come -- only now they will do so more effectively, more efficiently and without trampling the constitutional rights of their members.

Any Ohio unions worried that *Janus* and other subsequent right-to-work laws will catalyze the end of unions and union membership can rest easy. Empirical studies and data from right-to-work states, including our neighbors Indiana and Michigan,

demonstrate that even after enacting right-to-work laws, union membership not only does not suffer but often increases.

In the first full year after Indiana's right-to-work law took effect, for example, the state added 3,000 new union members. Although union membership initially fell slightly after Michigan adopted right-to-work rules in 2013, it has since recovered, accounting for 15.6 percent of all wage and salary workers in 2017 -- up from 14.4 percent in 2016 and well above the national average of 10.7 percent.

After *Janus*, the quality of public-sector union representation inevitably will improve. Removing coercion and requiring affirmative consent will incentivize union leaders to be more responsive to the needs and desires of their union members, which will increase the value of union membership by refocusing the union's attention on increasing job satisfaction and working conditions for members.

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The west entrance of the Ohio Senate Building is a smaller-scale version of a famed staircase in the Paris Opera House, with Carrara marble from Italy and gold leaf on the walls. (Laura Hancock/cleveland.com)

### **Rotunda Rumblings**

**Just due it**: A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers. But <u>cleveland.com's Jeremy Pelzer reports</u> that the agency that handles payroll for state employees hasn't taken any action so far in response to the June 27 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME.

**Moving forward**: Supporters of a proposed November ballot issue that would set new standards for dialysis treatment and cap what for-profit

clinics can charge submitted more than 475,000 signatures Wednesday, cleveland.com's Kaylee Remington reports.

Also moving forward: Supporters of the "Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Amendment" also submitted more than 730,000 signatures on Wednesday in hopes of making the November ballot, cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt writes. The proposed amendment would reduce penalties for individuals convicted of nonviolent drug and drug paraphernalia possession crimes and direct the cost savings to addiction treatment and crime victim programs. The secretary of state's office has until July 24 to certify each proposed amendment collected at least 305,591 valid signatures.

**All aboard:** Columbus will have Ohio's first self-driving shuttles by December, <u>writes cleveland.com's Laura Hancock</u>. The city, state and Ohio State University are seeking proposals for companies that can operate a shuttle service downtown.

**Back from the dead?** The Libertarian Party of Ohio has filed petitions this week to regain Ohio "minor-party" status for the first time since the 2014 election. As <u>Pelzer explains</u>, if the party can get on the ballot this year, it's likely to run Columbus filmmaker (<u>and anti-Gov. John Kasich satirical group</u> founder) Travis Irvine for governor.

Jordan fights back: U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, in an interview with reporters on the Fourth of July in Fremont, Ohio, again disputed claims that he knew Ohio State wrestlers had been sexually abused by a team doctor.

Cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton rounds up the latest in the nationally publicized story, including Jordan's assertion that an ex-wrestler making the accusations has sent him harassing emails.

**Inside the Statehouse**: Ohio officials laid the first cornerstone for the Ohio Statehouse 171 years ago. <u>Cleveland.com's Laura Hancock shows</u> the building's rich history with 16 images.

**He's running:** Literally. <u>Cleveland.com's Seth Richardson caught up</u> (no easy task) to Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine on the Fourth of July doing one of the things he loves best: marching in parades.

Richardson has an entertaining time-lapse video of DeWine logging nearly 8,500 steps before noon. The GOP gubernatorial nominee was of course accompanied by his wife, Fran, handing out her legendary cookbook.

Where are they now? The status of about 2,300 former students from the shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow is unknown, the Associated Press reveals. Many students from the controversial online charter school transferred to other schools, but the state doesn't know what happened to the rest, the AP reports.

**No reply:** "Records show more than 200 courts across Ohio failed to respond to Gov. John Kasich's executive order seeking more information on their history with the national background check database used in stopping gun-related crimes," reports Julie Carr Smyth of the AP. Those that didn't respond were mostly small mayor's courts, the report says.

**Kasich, the anti-Trump**: The governor is out with another op-ed, this time decrying President Donald Trump's trade war. The piece appears in the Financial Times.

**Unfinished business:** Ohio lawmakers <u>sent a lot of bills</u> to Gov. John Kasich before they took a summer break. But they left some high-profile legislation hanging, <u>reports Carr Smyth of the Associated Press</u>. That includes payday loan restrictions and a controversial "stand your ground" bill.

**Preventive measures:** The Washington Post looked at the case of the 4,000 eggs and embryos that were lost at the University Hospitals fertility center. The Post report features an interview with Ohio Sen. Joe Schiavoni who is working on a bill "he hopes will help prevent such disasters in the future and introduce penalties for fertility clinics that violate the new safeguards," Post reporter Ariana Eunjung Cha writes.

For what ailes you: If you're wondering whether your illness would qualify you for legal medicinal marijuana in Ohio, <u>Borchardt created a handy list</u> of medical conditions.

#### **Full Disclosure**

Five things we learned from the April 9 financial disclosure statement of state Rep. Jeff Rezabek, a Dayton Republican who is resigning to become a Montgomery County Juvenile Court judge. Gov. John Kasich appointed him to the new post Monday.

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The west entrance of the Ohio Senate Building is a smaller-scale version of a famed staircase in the Paris Opera House, with Carrara marble from Italy and gold leaf on the walls. (Laura Hancock/cleveland.com)

### **Rotunda Rumblings**

**Just due it**: A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers. But <u>cleveland.com's Jeremy Pelzer reports</u> that the agency that handles payroll for state employees hasn't taken any action so far in response to the June 27 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME.

**Moving forward**: Supporters of a proposed November ballot issue that would set new standards for dialysis treatment and cap what for-profit

clinics can charge submitted more than 475,000 signatures Wednesday, cleveland.com's Kaylee Remington reports.

Also moving forward: Supporters of the "Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Amendment" also submitted more than 730,000 signatures on Wednesday in hopes of making the November ballot, cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt writes. The proposed amendment would reduce penalties for individuals convicted of nonviolent drug and drug paraphernalia possession crimes and direct the cost savings to addiction treatment and crime victim programs. The secretary of state's office has until July 24 to certify each proposed amendment collected at least 305,591 valid signatures.

**All aboard:** Columbus will have Ohio's first self-driving shuttles by December, <u>writes cleveland.com's Laura Hancock</u>. The city, state and Ohio State University are seeking proposals for companies that can operate a shuttle service downtown.

**Back from the dead?** The Libertarian Party of Ohio has filed petitions this week to regain Ohio "minor-party" status for the first time since the 2014 election. As <u>Pelzer explains</u>, if the party can get on the ballot this year, it's likely to run Columbus filmmaker (<u>and anti-Gov. John Kasich satirical group</u> founder) Travis Irvine for governor.

Jordan fights back: U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, in an interview with reporters on the Fourth of July in Fremont, Ohio, again disputed claims that he knew Ohio State wrestlers had been sexually abused by a team doctor. Cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton rounds up the latest in the nationally publicized story, including Jordan's assertion that an ex-wrestler making the accusations has sent him harassing emails.

**Inside the Statehouse**: Ohio officials laid the first cornerstone for the Ohio Statehouse 171 years ago. <u>Cleveland.com's Laura Hancock shows</u> the building's rich history with 16 images.

**He's running:** Literally. <u>Cleveland.com's Seth Richardson caught up</u> (no easy task) to Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine on the Fourth of July doing one of the things he loves best: marching in parades.

Richardson has an entertaining time-lapse video of DeWine logging nearly 8,500 steps before noon. The GOP gubernatorial nominee was of course accompanied by his wife, Fran, handing out her legendary cookbook.

Where are they now? The status of about 2,300 former students from the shuttered Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow is unknown, the Associated Press reveals. Many students from the controversial online charter school transferred to other schools, but the state doesn't know what happened to the rest, the AP reports.

**No reply:** "Records show more than 200 courts across Ohio failed to respond to Gov. John Kasich's executive order seeking more information on their history with the national background check database used in stopping gun-related crimes," reports Julie Carr Smyth of the AP. Those that didn't respond were mostly small mayor's courts, the report says.

**Kasich, the anti-Trump**: The governor is out with another op-ed, this time decrying President Donald Trump's trade war. <u>The piece appears in the Financial Times</u>.

**Unfinished business:** Ohio lawmakers <u>sent a lot of bills</u> to Gov. John Kasich before they took a summer break. But they left some high-profile legislation hanging, <u>reports Carr Smyth of the Associated Press</u>. That includes payday loan restrictions and a controversial "stand your ground" bill.

**Preventive measures:** The Washington Post looked at the case of the 4,000 eggs and embryos that were lost at the University Hospitals fertility center. The Post report features an interview with Ohio Sen. Joe Schiavoni who is working on a bill "he hopes will help prevent such disasters in the future and introduce penalties for fertility clinics that violate the new safeguards," Post reporter Ariana Eunjung Cha writes.

For what ailes you: If you're wondering whether your illness would qualify you for legal medicinal marijuana in Ohio, <u>Borchardt created a handy list</u> of medical conditions.

#### **Full Disclosure**

Five things we learned from the April 9 financial disclosure statement of state Rep. Jeff Rezabek, a Dayton Republican who is resigning to become a Montgomery County Juvenile Court judge. Gov. John Kasich appointed him to the new post Monday.

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